

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0037] of the current specification, appearing on page 9, with the following:

Example 3: Gel-filtration chromatography

[0037] An interferon beta-containing solution obtained in Example 2 was concentrated to 200 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ and ~~ethanol contained in the concentrate~~ was replaced 500 times or more by a 20 mM sodium acetate buffer solution (pH 4.0). The resultant solution was loaded on a Sephadex S-200 column (1700ml, XK-50/100, Amersham biosciences, Sweden) equilibrated with a 20 mM sodium acetate buffer solution (pH 4.0) to obtain an interferon beta-containing solution.